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1. The Partido Socialista de Nicaragua (PSN) is composed of two wings. The split was generated years ago by differences of opinion regarding tactics and by the desire of each of the groups to dominate the Party and the labor movement. The two divisions are both basically Marxist and in theory not far apart.
2. Such men as Juan Lorio, Carlos Perez Bermudez, and Armando Amador, members of the Executive Committee of the PSN, and Manuel Perez Estrada compose the faction which maintains international Communist connections. These members are openly Marxist, and they attempt to take advantage of every opportunity for direct action. They will have no relations with Somoza nor the government, and are anxious to avoid giving the impression that they are receiving aid from those sources.
3. Roberto Gonzalez and Guillermo Cajina head the second wing, which is basically nationalist and which is regarded by the other wing as inclining toward socialism. The second faction willingly accepts official help from the government, and from this position Gonzalez and Cajina thereby hope to provide the workers with such benefits that they will be regarded as the true leaders of the working class.
4. The first group, which contains the most capable and dynamic Communists and the best speakers and writers, at present dominates the local PSN organization.

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